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In re Application of Reiner DELP et al. Application Number Filed 09/446,326 December 20, 1999 LASER-MARKABLE PLASTICS Group Art Unit Examiner K. Nguyen Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision examiner dated, <u>February 21, 2002</u>, rejecting the following claims: <u>1-21</u>. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee shown above Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. I have The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402 . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

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June 21,2002

Date

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